GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of smuggling of narcotics registered during the last two years;

(b) the quantity of narcotics seized;

(c) whether any special conference on narcotics was held by the United Nations Organisation recently; and

(d) if so, the details of the decisions taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) : Sir, a total of 25475 cases of smuggling of narcotics were registered during 1998 and 1999.

(b) : 3666 Kgs. Opium, 55 Kgs. Morphine, 1516 Kgs.Heroin, 108334 Kgs. Ganja, 13497 Kgs. Hashish, 2 Kgs.Cocaine, 2731 Kgs. Methaqualone and 285 sq. paper of L.S.D. were seized during the above said period.

(c) : The 20th Special Session of the United NationsGeneral Assembly devoted to countering the World Drug Problem was held from June 08-10, 1998 at New York.

(d) : The Special Session adopted resolutions envisaging inter alia the following action in relation to smuggling of narcotics:-

(i) Adoption of comprehensive National Legislation to give effect to the three UN Conventions, namely the 1961 Single Convention against Narcotic Drugs, the 1971 Convention againstPsychotropic Substances and the 1988 Convention againstillicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

(ii) Establishment or strengthening,by the year 2003, of National Legislation and programmes to give effect to the Action Plan against the illicit manufacture, trafficking and abuse of Amphetamine type stimulants and their precursors.

(iii) Eliminating or reducing significantly the illicit manufacture, marketing and trafficking of Psychotropic Substances including synthetic drugs, and the diversion of precursors by the year 2008.

(iv) Adoption of a comprehensive approach for the elimination of narcotic drug crops and for International Cooperation in the eradication of illicit drug crops and in alternative development.